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FOR S/S

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: UNGA, CI
SUBJECT: UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD): HIGH LEVEL
PARTICIPATION

REF: STATE 099511

1. THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT HAD MADE PLANS FOR FOREIGN MINISTER CARVAJAL TO SPEAK AT THE SSOD JUNE 8. AS PART OF THE RECENT CABINET SHIFT TO MORE CIVILIAN PARTICIPATION, HERNAN CUBILLOS IS REPLACING CARVAJAL AS FOREIGN MINISTER EFFECTIVE APRIL 20. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS DEALING WITH DISARMAMENT MATTERS BELIEVE THAT CUBILLOS WILL CONTINUE WITH PLANS MADE FOR CARVAJAL, BUT A FINAL DECISION IS NOT EXPECTED FOR ANOTHER WEEK.

2. AS A BRAND NEW FOREIGN MINISTER, CUBILLOS WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY SEEK A MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY, EITHER IN NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON. RATIONALE WOULD BE MORE IN TERMS OF OVERALL US/CHILE RELATIONS (OUR INTEREST IN RECENT INTERNAL CHANGES, OF WHICH CUBILLOS' NOMINATION IS ONE ELEMENT, AND PROSPECTS FOR FURTHER HUMAN RIGHTS ADVANCES) RATHER THAN DISARMAMENT. HOWEVER, WITH RESPECT TO THE LATTER, CHILE IS ONE OF THE SIGNATORIES TO THE AYACUCHO DECLARATION SETTING FORTH REGIONAL ARMS LIMITATION OBJECTIVES AND, AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, CHILE CURRENTLY HAS RATHER

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DELICATE BORDER/SECURITY RELATIONS WITH ALL THREE OF ITS NEIGHBORS. IF BILATERALS ARE PLANNED WITH ARGENTINA, PERU AND/OR BOLIVIA, IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO ALSO SCHEDULE CUBILLOS -- ASSUMING HEATTENDS SSOD.

3. EMBASSY WILL INFORM CUBILLOS' PLANS AS SOON AS THEY ARE FIRM.
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